

KDHE - Bureau of Child Care Licensing and Regulation

Kansas Child Care Facts

Did you know?

While the number of child care facilities decreased slightly in FY 02 the number of child care slots and residential beds increased overall. Child care facilities continue to get larger and the number of enforcement actions initiated by the Department continue to grow.

FY 02 (June 30, 2002) Child care statistics:

- 11,310 child care facilities are regulated by the department with a capacity to serve 138,678 children at any one time. We estimate over 200,000 children are served in child care settings each year.
- 8,200 orientation sessions were conducted for new child care providers across the state.
- 5,384 initial temporary permits, licenses and certificates were issued with an average timeliness of 18 days to issue. The number of initials issued is greater than the year before and the average timeliness has also improved.
- 2,654 complaints were investigated by child care facility surveyors.
- 2,714 enforcement orders were issued, (300 more from the year before) as follows:
 - 2,385 Notices of Noncompliance (correction orders)
 - 48 Civil fines
 - 19 Emergency suspensions
 - 104 Denials of applications
 - 53 Revocations
 - 96 Non emergency suspensions
 - 9 Injunctions for illegal care.

The main reasons for enforcement orders are the presence of persons with prohibited convictions or validations of child abuse; lack of supervision or child staff ratios not met; inappropriate discipline; unqualified staff and unsafe environmental conditions.

There are 121 child care facility surveyors employed by local county health departments.

68% of the child care facility surveyors have a college degree, most of which are in the fields of nursing or education, including early childhood education.

The average number of years of experience for child care facility surveyors is about 7 years.

In the next few weeks we will have more child care facts on our new Bureau of Child Care Licensing and Regulation web site. The site is currently under design but should be available shortly after this publication. It can be accessed through the main KDHE web site address.